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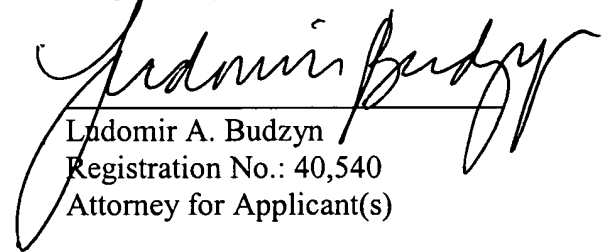
Copies of the European and PCT references are submitted herewith. All of these references are in English and thus no concise explanation of their relevance is required. In

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Favorable action is earnestly solicited. If there any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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